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By its very nature, a "settlement" should address the problems in the original complaint.

This settlement does not address the monopolistic practices of Microsoft. The fact that Microsoft has stifled competition has been a given in the software industry for many years. This suit was filed to stop these practices. Many competing (and arguably better) technologies and products, such as Lotus, Netscape, Borland's development products and Java are not addressed.

This settlement is yet another insult to those of us who have faith in the US judicial system. Most of the competitive advantages enjoyed by Microsoft are left in place. They may still bundle more features into their operating system that used to be separate and competitive applications. Their application developers still have huge advantages over those with similar products.

By allowing these practices to go unpunished, you are ignoring the laws that the courts are in place to protect.

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